

## Mikoyan, Castro Cuba Tour

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(Text) Havana--Anastas Mikoyan, the first deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR, accompanied by Fidel Castro, the prime minister of Cuba, toured Matanzas Province on 9 and 10 November. Before leaving the capital of Cuba, Fidel Castro and Anastas Mikoyan went to the house where Jose Marti, the glorious son of the Cuban people, once lived. The Cubans revere the memory of their great fellow countryman. The house is now being repaired and a museum will be set up in the future. Many citizens of Havana warmly cheered Anastas Mikoyan and Fidel Castro outside the Jose Marti house.

The head of the Cuban Government and the Soviet guests inspected a new housing estate which has been built in recent years in a suburb of Havana. Thousands of families of Cuban workers have already moved into these houses which offer all conveniences.

On the road toward the east, toward Matanzas Province, Fidel Castro familiarized Anastas Mikoyan with the complexes of school buildings and other educational and tourist centers, spoke of the great work of bringing up and educating the rising generation of Cubans, and told him of arrangements for the recreation of the working people.

In the past, prior to the victory of the revolution, it was only the exploiting classes that could use the wonderful health resorts of the country. The ordinary people were barred from visiting beaches or from swimming. The right to recreation is now an inalienable right of every Cuban worker and peasant, employee and student. They now own the former aristocratic clubs and the new recreation centers set up under the revolutionary government. Anastas Mikoyan and Fidel Castro visited the magnificent Varadero health resort in Matanzas Province, which is now also owned by the Cuban working people.

A large tract of marshland, washed by the waters of the Caribbean, lies to the south of Matanzas Province. It was precisely here that in April 1961 the mercenaries of Yankee imperialism made a criminal armed attack on Cuba. Mikoyan and Castro inspected Playa Larga and Playa Giron, where the revolutionary armed forces inflicted a crushing defeat upon the invaders. A fishermen's school, named Victoria de Giron, has now been set up at the Bay of Pigs. Some 2,000 young men, future fishermen of the Cuban fishing fleet, are now studying there. They gave a rousing welcome to Fidel Castro and the Soviet guest.

On Peninsula de Zapata Anastas Mikoyan inspected an experimental farm on reclaimed marshland. Varieties of vegetables and fruit cultivated there yield splendid harvests. The revolutionary government plans large-scale reclamation of marshland and the establishment of a farming center here.

Fidel Castro and Anastas Mikoyan also visited Guama, a new tourist center built on small islands in Tesoro Lake, this resort is very popular with the working people spending their holidays there.

A.I. Alekseyev, the ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the USSR to Cuba, accompanied Anastas Mikoyan and Fidel Castro on their tour, which was marked by an exceptionally friendly atmosphere.